

HOUSE RESOLUTION 278
By Patton

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Bill and Helen Alford on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as examples for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 1950, Bill Alford and Helen Hardin were joined in holy matrimony by the Reverend Nat Campbell in Johnson City, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Alford have been highly respected citizens of the Johnson City community for over 50 years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bill Alford has served with acumen and alacrity as an employee of East Tennessee State University (ETSU) since 1975, and he has earned the respect of his peers and supervisors alike for the superior quality of his work; Helen is retired from The Meat Shop; and

WHEREAS, Bill previously worked at the North America Rayon Company and as a radio announcer; he has made several commercial records; and

WHEREAS, the Alfords like to spend their time together looking at antiques, and they enjoy finding great bargains at flea markets; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced one daughter, Nancy Elaine "Lannie" Watts of Jonesborough, who has truly excelled in her endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the Alfords are also the proud grandparents of one grandchild who will also join their many friends and other family members in celebrating of their 50 years of blissful matrimony at a fete held at the Grace Brethren Church on Saturday, June 10, 2000; and

WHEREAS, for 50 years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Alfords' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby pause to honor and congratulate Bill and Helen Alford on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.